



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington DC 20463

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE # 2905

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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February 11, 2015

MEMORANDUM

**SENSITIVE**

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*  
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*  
Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona *DC*  
Assistant Staff Director  
Reports Analysis Division

BY: Kristin D. Roser/Sari Pickerall *KDR* *SP*  
Reports Analysis Division  
Compliance Branch

SUBJECT: Reason To Believe Recommendation – 2014 December Monthly Report for the Administrative Fine Program

Attached is the name of a political committee and its treasurer who failed to file the 2014 December Monthly Report in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)). The December Monthly Report was due on December 20, 2014.

The committee listed in the attached RTB Circulation Report failed to file the report. In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports at 11 CFR 111.43, this committee should be assessed the civil money penalty highlighted on the attached circulation report.

**Recommendation**

1. Find reason to believe that the political committee and its treasurer listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
2. Send the appropriate letter.

Federal Election Commission  
Reason to Believe Circulation Report  
2014 DECEMBER MONTHLY Not Election Sensitive 12/20/2014 P\_UNAUTH

AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	PV	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	RTB Penalty
2905	C00505800	JILL STEIN FOR PRESIDENT	STEIN, JILL	JAMES MORAN	\$230,734	4		Not Filed	\$11,537 (est)	\$1,100

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
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Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2014 )  
December Monthly Report for the )  
Administrative Fine Program: )  
JILL STEIN FOR PRESIDENT, and ) AF# 2905  
MORAN, JAMES as treasurer )

CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on February 13, 2015 the Commission took the following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2014 December Monthly Report for the Administrative Fine Program as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated February 11, 2015, on the following committees:

AF#2905 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that JILL STEIN FOR PRESIDENT, and MORAN, JAMES as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

February 18, 2015  
Date

Shawn Woodhead Werth  
Shawn Woodhead Werth  
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 18, 2015

James Moran, in official capacity as Treasurer  
Jill Stein for President  
22 Kendall Road  
Lexington, MA 02421

C00505800  
AF#: 2905

Dear Mr. Moran:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a December Monthly Report of Receipts and Disbursements covering the period November 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014. This report shall be filed no later than December 20, 2014. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)). Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was not filed within thirty (30) days of the due date. You should file this report if you have not already done so.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)). 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)). On February 13, 2015, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Jill Stein for President and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) by failing to file timely this report on or before December 20, 2014. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$1,100. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 CFR §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See <http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml>. 11 CFR § 111.34. Your payment of \$1,100 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by March 25, 2015, and is based on these factors:

Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive  
Level of Activity: \$11,537  
Number of Days Late: Not Filed  
Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 4

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

**1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty**

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street,

NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must include the AF# (found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number) and be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or March 25, 2015. 11 CFR § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 CFR § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 CFR § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. *Id.* Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 CFR § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 CFR § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. district court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109 (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g). 11 CFR § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

## **2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge**

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Jill Stein for President and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 *et seq.* The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 CFR § 111.51(a)(2).

**3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty**

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

**NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS**

**4. Partial Payments**

If you make a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination.

**5. Settlement Offers**

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, including making a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order, will be rejected. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2)). Unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public, it will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B)) and 30109(a)(12)(A) (formerly 437g(a)(12)(A)) until it is placed on the public record at the conclusion of this matter in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at <http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml>. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Sari Pickerall in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,



Ann M. Ravel  
Chair

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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$1,100 for the 2014 December Monthly Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission  
P.O. Box 979058  
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox  
FEC #979058  
1005 Convention Plaza  
Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL  
St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by March 25, 2015. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

**PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK**

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT**  
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FOR: Jill Stein for President

FEC ID#: C00505800

AF#: 2905

PAYMENT DUE DATE: March 25, 2015

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$1,100





FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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August 18, 2015

**SENSITIVE**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*  
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock  
Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona *DC*  
Assistant Staff Director  
Reports Analysis Division

BY: *RDR* Kristin D. Roser/Sari Pickerall *SP*  
Reports Analysis Division  
Compliance Branch

SUBJECT: Administrative Fine Program – Final Determination Recommendation for the  
2014 December Monthly Report

Attached is a list identifying a political committee and its treasurer against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed a proposed civil money penalty calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2014 December Monthly Report. The committee has not paid the civil money penalty requested at RTB and has been given at least forty (40) days from the date of the Commission's RTB finding to remit payment.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.40, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to the respondent that has not paid the civil money penalty.

For your information, this committee disclosed a level of activity after the RTB finding which would result in a lowered civil money penalty and will not be assessed a civil money penalty at FD. An overview of this case has been provided below.

### **RAD Recommendation**

- (1) Make a final determination that the political committee and its treasurer listed on the attached report with no activity, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty.
- (2) Send the appropriate letter.

Federal Election Commission  
FD Circulation Report Fine Not Paid  
2014 DECEMBER MONTHLY Not Election Sensitive 12/20/2014 P\_UNAUTH

AF#	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Committee ID	Treasurer	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	PV	RTB Date	RTB Penalty	Days Since RTB	FD Penalty
2905	JILL STEIN FOR PRESIDENT	STEIN, JILL	C00505800	JAMES MORAN		Not Filed	\$0	4	02/13/2015	\$1,100	186	NONE

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
)  
Administrative Fine Program - Final )  
Determination Recommendation for the )  
2014 December Monthly Report: )  
JILL STEIN FOR PRESIDENT, and ) AF# 2905  
MORAN, JAMES as treasurer, )

CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on August 20, 2015 the Commission took the following actions on the Administrative Fine Program - Final Determination Recommendation for the 2014 December Monthly Report as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated August 18, 2015, on the following committees:

AF#2905 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that JILL STEIN FOR PRESIDENT, and MORAN, JAMES as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

August 21, 2015  
Date

Shawn Woodhead Werth  
Shawn Woodhead Werth  
Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 24, 2015

James Moran, in official capacity as Treasurer  
Jill Stein for President  
22 Kendall Road  
Lexington, MA 02421

C00505800  
AF#: 2905

Dear Mr. Moran:

On February 13, 2015, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Jill Stein for President and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) for filing late or failing to file the 2014 December Monthly Report. By letter dated February 18, 2015, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the preliminary civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage to be \$1,100 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43. Please note that you must file the 2014 December Monthly Report in the appropriate format if you have not already done so for your report to be considered filed.

Since that time, the amount of the civil money penalty has been changed to reflect the actual level of activity disclosed in the miscellaneous document. The FEC made a final determination on August 20, 2015 that Jill Stein for President and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)), assessed no civil money penalty in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43, and voted to close the file.

The confidentiality provisions at 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)) no longer apply and this matter is now public. Pursuant to 11 CFR §§ 111.42(b) and 111.20(c), the file will be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of this notification.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Sari Pickerall on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ann M. Ravel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ann M. Ravel  
Chair



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington DC 20463

THIS IS THE END OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE # 2905

DATE SCANNED 9/16/15

SCANNER NO. 2

SCAN OPERATOR JB